

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 25, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of last week, 70 percent of the cotton crop had been harvested compared with 67 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvest taking place on over two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Pasture and range conditions were generally rated mostly fair to very poor. Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, honeydew melons, iceberg lettuce, kale greens, and parsley last week, while Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, Bok Choy, Boston lettuce, broccoli, cabbage, celery, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, green and red leaf lettuce, iceberg lettuce, kale greens, radicchio, Romaine lettuce, parsley, and spinach. In the North Central and Northwestern part of the State, soil moisture is declining and temporary water is still rare. Thirty-five of the 48 reporting stations reported below normal temperatures for the week, with the highest temperature during the week at 80 degrees at Yuma and the lowest temperature was 9 degrees at Springville and Window Rock. For the week ending November 25th, 7 reporting stations reported some precipitation, with the highest precipitation during the week at 0.04 inches at Kayenta and Teec Nos Pos, and the lowest precipitation was 0.01 inches at Page. Nineteen of the 48 reporting stations have reported over 100 percent of normal precipitation for the year while 5 stations have reported less than 50 percent of normal precipitation for the year.

Note: This report concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2018. Next year's Arizona weekly report will begin in March 2019.

Monthly reports will be released for December on Wednesday, January 2, 2019; for January on Monday, January 28, 2019; and for February on Monday, February 25, 2019.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2018 season.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cotton Harvested | 70 | 58 | 67 | 69 |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for fieldwork..... | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | NA |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | -- | -- | 10 | NA |
| Short..... | 13 | 12 | 33 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 87 | 88 | 57 | NA |
| Surplus..... | -- | -- | -- | NA |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | -- | -- | 10 | NA |
| Short..... | 13 | 12 | 34 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 87 | 87 | 56 | NA |
| Surplus..... | -- | 1 | -- | NA |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 4 |
| Poor..... | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Fair..... | 16 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Good..... | 51 | 48 | 39 | 42 |
| Excellent..... | 32 | 32 | 36 | 29 |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 25 | 29 | 7 | 11 |
| Poor..... | 24 | 26 | 27 | 16 |
| Fair..... | 38 | 31 | 48 | 37 |
| Good..... | 13 | 11 | 18 | 33 |
| Excellent..... | -- | 3 | -- | 3 |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-11252018.pdf

Notice: Please be advised, the Weekly Crop Progress report's weather data table may be discontinued for budget reasons. Please contact the NASS Mountain Regional Field Office at (720) 787-3150 with comments or compliments regarding this issue. The Weekly Crop Progress report's crop progress and condition data will remain and be available.